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LB 306, 529A, 1135A, 1172, 1257A  
LR 269, 270, 271

back like a song, and they're going to keep coming back. Don't think that LB 306 is the end, something like this, in one shape or form will be right back next year. So, if you want to pass this today or not pass it, don't think that that's going to solve your problem, because you know and I know it will not.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Mr. Clerk, do you have items for the record?

CLERK: Madam President, I do. Very quickly, Agriculture Committee gives notice of confirmation hearing. New resolutions, LR 269 by Senator Peterson; LR 270 by Senator Kristensen; and LR 271 by Senators Wesely and Rasmussen. All those will be laid over. New A bills. (Read LB 529A, LB 1135A, and LB 1257A by title for the first time.) Attorney General's Opinion addressed to Senator Beyer. (Re. LB 1172.) (See pages 1349-58 of the Legislative Journal.)

Madam President, I have a priority motion. Senator Rod Johnson would move to bracket LB 306 until January 1, 1993.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Madam President and members, Senator Crosby's questions to me, just a moment ago, basically led into this motion which I filed prior to her questions. I guess I am one of many on this floor who feel that there, just basically deep down inside uncomfortable with where the bill might be going. And maybe it's because we've spent so much time looking at taxes and talking about other issues, that this issue has been here, and has been quietly sitting around waiting for discussion, and now suddenly when it comes to the forefront and is being discussed, a lot of folks are confused, we're not sure what is going to happen, where we're headed with this issue. There are points in the bill, I guess, that raise my concern. Specifically, as I mentioned earlier, in Section 2, where we designate that every natural stream in the state shall be subject to an appropriation now by a public water user. The language I'm not sure in... on page 5 in Section 5 talks about induced groundwater recharge, and as you read that language and that new language that's been offered there, I'm not sure if that's recognizing conjunctive use in a slightly different way than what Senator Elmer tried to do in the committee a year ago. There's also, in Section 5, instream... talks about an instream appropriation for induced groundwater recharge for public water